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Subject: IBRO Statement on the COVID-19 Outbreak

Dear IBRO Governing Council and Committee Members,

IBRO recognizes the global impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, and we are following its progression closely. We respect the recommendations and assessments of the World Health Organization and adhere to regional, national and local government policies being developed and implemented in response to changing conditions. Because the situation is actively evolving, we encourage our global community to be guided by the same approach.

Our immediate priority is to anticipate challenges and help protect the health and safety of those participating in any of our supported activities. Several of our member societies, individual grantees, schools, and events have already been affected by travel, work, and general life restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 epidemics. To be as flexible and responsive as possible, we are currently working on a case-by-case basis to address issues of activity postponement, cancellation, or other modifications.

We hope that the COVID-19 outbreak will come to an end quickly, and we will circulate any IBRO-related updates as soon as they arise. In the meantime, please stay healthy, follow credible recommendations and remain vigilant about false information and scams associated with COVID-19. You can find relevant links listed below for further consideration. If you have any general questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at secretariat@ibro.org.

Sincerely,

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Information Links

Any future updates will be made on our website here:

<https://ibro.org/ibro-statement-on-the-covid-19-outbreak/>

COVID-19 Maps & Trackers

Italy

<https://lab.gedidigital.it/gedi-visual/2020/coronavirus-i-contagi-in-italia/?ref=RHPPTP-BH-I250074707-C12-P3-S1.12-T2>

Johns Hopkins University CSSE

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

World Health Organization (WHO)

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeeee1b9125cd>

Worldometer

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

Global Authority

World Health Organization (WHO)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Regional Authorities

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en>

WHO Regional Office in Africa (English, French, Portuguese)

<https://www.afro.who.int/fr/node/12206>

WHO Regional Office for the Americas (English, Spanish)

<https://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?lang=en>

WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (Arabic, English, French)

<http://www.emro.who.int/index.html>

WHO Regional Office for Europe (English, French, German, Russian)

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/home>

WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia (English)

<https://www.who.int/southeastasia>

WHO Regional Office for Western Pacific (English)

<https://www.who.int/westernpacific>

National Authorities

Algeria, Ministry of Health, Population and Hospital Reform (French)

<http://www.sante.gov.dz/>

Argentina, Ministry of Health (Spanish)

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/salud>

Australia, Department of Health (English)

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Austria, Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (English, German)

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/en.html>

Azerbaijan, Ministry of Public Health

<http://www.sehiyye.gov.az/>

Bahrain, Ministry of Health (Arabic, English)

<https://www.moh.gov.bh/?lang=en>

Belarus, Ministry of Health (Belarusian)

<http://minzdrav.gov.by/>

Belgium, Ministry of Health (Dutch, English, French, German)

<https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>

Bosnia Herzegovina, Ministry of Health (Bosnian)

<http://www.fmoh.gov.ba/>

Brazil, Ministry of Health (Portuguese)

<https://www.saude.gov.br/>

Canada, Health Canada (English, French)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Chile, Ministry of Health (Spanish)

<https://www.minsal.cl/>

China, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Chinese)

<http://www.chinacdc.cn/>

Croatia, Ministry of Health (Croatian)

<https://zdravstvo.gov.hr/>

Czech Republic (Czech)

<http://www.mzcr.cz/>

Denmark, Ministry of Health (Danish, English)

<http://www.sum.dk/>

Ecuador, Ministry of Public Health (Spanish)

<https://www.salud.gob.ec/>

Egypt, National Government (Arabic)
<https://www.egypt.gov.eg/arabic/home.aspx>

Estonia, Health Board (English, Estonian, Russian)
<https://www.terviseamet.ee/en>

Finland, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (English, Finnish, Russian, Swedish)
<https://stm.fi/en/frontpage>

France, Ministry of Solidarity and Health (French)
<https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/soins-et-maladies/maladies/maladies-infectieuses/coronavirus/coronavirus-questions-reponses>

Georgia, Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs (Georgian)
<https://www.moh.gov.ge/ka/>

Germany, Ministry of Health (German)
<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/>

Greece, Ministry of Health (Greek)
<https://www.moh.gov.gr/>

Hong Kong, China, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health (English)
<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/index.html>

Iceland, Ministry of Health (English, Icelandic)
<https://www.government.is/ministries/ministry-of-health/>

India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (English, Hindi)
<https://mohfw.nic.in/>

Indonesia, Ministry of Health (English, Indonesian)
<https://www.kemkes.go.id/index.php?lg=LN02>

Iran, Ministry of Health and Medical Education (Persian)
<http://behdasht.gov.ir/>

Iraq, Ministry of Health (Arabic)
<https://moh.gov.iq>

Ireland, Department of Health (English, Irish)
<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-health/?referrer=/>

Israel, Ministry of Health (Arabic, English, French, Hebrew, Russian, Spanish)
<https://www.health.gov.il/English/Pages/HomePage.aspx>

Italy, Department of Civil Protection (English, Italian)
<http://www.protezionecivile.gov.it/it/web/guest/attivita-rischi/rischio-sanitario/emergenze/coronavirus>

Japan, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (English, Japanese)
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html

Kuwait, Health Ministry (Arabic, English)
<https://www.moh.gov.kw/en/Pages/Default.aspx>

Lebanon, Ministry of Public Health (Arabic, English)
<https://www.moph.gov.lb/en/>

Lithuania, Ministry of Health (English, Lithuanian)
<http://sam.lrv.lt/en/>

Luxembourg, Ministry of Health (French)
<https://sante.public.lu/fr/index.php>

Macau, Health Bureau (Chinese, Portuguese)
<https://www.ssm.gov.mo/portal/>

Malaysia, Ministry of Health (Bahasa Melayu, English, Lain-Lain Bahasa)
<http://www.moh.gov.my/>

Mexico, Secretary of Health (Spanish)
<https://www.gob.mx/salud/documentos/nuevo-coronavirus>

Monaco, Government of the Principality (French)
<https://www.gouv.mc/Action-Gouvernementale/Coronavirus-Covid-2019>

Morocco, Ministry of Health (French)
<https://www.sante.gov.ma/Pages/Accueil.aspx>

The Netherlands, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (Dutch, English, Papiamentu, Papiamentu)
<https://www.government.nl/ministries/ministry-of-health-welfare-and-sport>

New Zealand, Ministry of Health (English)
<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Nigeria, Federal Ministry of Health (English)
<https://health.gov.ng/>

Norway, Institute of Public Health (English, Norwegian)
<https://www.fhi.no/en/>

Oman, Ministry of Health (Arabic, English)
<https://www.moh.gov.om/en/>

Pakistan, Ministry of Health Services Regulations and Coordination (English)
<http://nhsrsc.gov.pk/>

Palestinian Territories, Ministry of Health (Arabic, English)
<https://www.moh.gov.ps/portal/en/>

Philippines, Ministry of Health (English)
<https://www.doh.gov.ph/>

Portugal, National Health Service (Portuguese)
<https://s-1.sns.gov.pt/>

Qatar, Ministry of Health (Arabic, English)
<https://www.moph.gov.qa/arabic/Pages/default.aspx#>

Romania, Ministry of Health (Romanian)
<http://www.ms.ro/>

Russian Federation, Ministry of Health (Russian)
<https://www.rosminzdrav.ru/>

San Marino, Institute for Social Security (Italian)
<http://www.iss.sm/on-line/home.html>

Saudi Arabia, Ministry of Health (Arabic, English)
<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Pages/Default.aspx>

Senegal, Ministry of Health and Social Action (French)
<http://www.sante.gouv.sn/>

Singapore, Ministry of Health (English)
<https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>

Slovenia, Ministry of Health (English, Slovenian)
<https://www.gov.si/teme/koronavirus/>

South Africa, The National Institute for Communicable Diseases (English)
<http://www.nicd.ac.za/>

South Korea, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Korean)
<http://www.mohw.go.kr/react/index.jsp>

Spain, Ministry of Health (Spanish)
<https://www.mscbs.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov-China/home.htm>

Sweden, Public Health Agency of Sweden (English, Swedish)
<https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/the-public-health-agency-of-sweden/>

Switzerland, Federal Office of Public Health (English, French, German, Italian)
<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home.html>

Taiwan, Ministry of Health and Welfare (English, Chinese)
<https://www.mohw.gov.tw/mp-2.html>

Thailand, Department of Disease Control (Chinese, English, Thai)
<https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/eng/index.php>

United Arab Emirates, Ministry of Health and Prevention (Arabic, English)
<https://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/Pages/default.aspx>

United Kingdom, Department of Health and Social Care (English)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

United States, Centers for Disease Control (English)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Vietnam, Ministry of Health (English, Vietnamese)

<https://moh.gov.vn/>